WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   A method for annotating an item in a user interface of a media production system, the method comprising

accepting signals from a user input device to select a part of a production being processed by the media production system;

creating annotation information; and

storing the annotation information in association with the selected part of the production.

2.   The method of claim 1, further comprising

accepting signals from a user input device to create the annotation information.

3.   The method of claim 2, wherein the information includes text information.

4.   The method of claim 2, wherein the information includes capture of drawing information.

5.   The method of claim 2, wherein the information includes audio information.

6.   The method of claim 1, wherein the annotation information is automatically generated by a process executing on a digital system.

7.   The method of claim 6, further comprising

wherein the annotation information is automatically generated at a predetermined time.

8.   The method of claim 6, further comprising

wherein the annotation information is automatically generated upon the occurrence of a predetermined event.

9.   A method for conveying the state of an application program to a remote location, the method comprising

determining to capture the current state of operation of the application program;

saving one or more settings of a current environment of the application program as a recorded environment; and

transferring the recorded environment to a remote location.

10.   The method of claim 9, further comprising

2   storing an image of a screen display for retrieval by a process at the remote

3 location if the remote location is unable to recreate the state of the application program.

1   11. A method for recreating the state of an application program at a

2 process executing at a location remote from the application program, wherein a recorded

3 environment includes settings for recreating the state of the application program, the method

4 comprising

5   receiving, over a digital network, the recorded environment;

6   executing another instance of the application program at the location remote

7 from the application program; and

8   using the instance and the recorded environment to recreate the state of the

9 application program at the location remote from the application program.

1   12. The method of claim 11, wherein an image of the state of the

2 application program is stored on a network, the method further comprising

3   determining that the instance cannot be used to recreate the state of the

4 application program at the location remote from the application program; and

5   in response to the step of determining, displaying the stored image at the

6 location remote from the application program.

1   13. A method for providing control of an application executing on a first

2 digital system at a first location to a user of a second digital system at a second location,

3 wherein the first and second digital systems are coupled by a communication link; wherein

4 the application includes a user interface control to modify a parameter, wherein the first and

5 second digital systems include first and second user input devices, respectively; the method

6 comprising

7   accepting signals from the first user input device to associate the user interface

8 control with the second user input device; and

9   accepting signals generated by the second user input device at the first digital

10 system to modify the parameter.